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Enforcement and promotion of compliance

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Environmental enforcement pyramid in Georgia



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Developments and recommendations on enforcement

Highlights

- There is a variety of penalties along the enforcement pyramid
- A stand-alone law on Environmental Liability is establishing a liability regime
- Environmental fines have been slightly increased

Recommendations

- Adopt a comprehensive enforcement policy guidance document
- Update the Administrative Offences Code and the Criminal Code
- Update environmental fines and index-link them to inflation
- Make use of a wider array of penalties
- Address the lack of criminal enforcement
- Address the divergences of the Law on Environmental Liability with the EU ELD and promote the law
- Establish financial security mechanisms

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Highlights on compliance promotion

Activity	Details
Publishing information online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated webpages of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, its Department of Environmental Supervision (DES) and the Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC) • DES hotline and Facebook page
Awareness-raising measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News articles on MEPA and DES websites • MEPA initiatives, mostly on civic responsibility • EIEC is a key awareness-raising institution
Assistance to comply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIEC provides training to various stakeholders and explanatory meetings to the private sector • DES co-operates with EIEC on training • MEPA meetings with civil society



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Recommendations on promotion of compliance

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- **Increase and vary the types of awareness-raising** that the DES provides
- **Undertake more training activity on compliance assurance and regulations** through the EIEC
- **Increase awareness-raising** about new legislation
- **Adopt a more proactive information-sharing** approach

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